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PRESENT SOVIET POLICY IN EUROPE

I. Soviet strategy is to hold fast and to promote erosion of Western position.

A. Primary Soviet objective at Summit was to counter US successes in Europe, such as:

1. Functioning mutual defense system - NATO.

2. Revitalized Germany allied to West.

II. Stalin's heirs prepared to take certain steps.

A. Withdrawal from Austria.

B. Humiliating reconciliation with Tito.

C. Withdrawal from foreign military bases (Porkkala and Port Arthur).

D. Reduction of armed forces by 640,000.

1. Appears military personnel to be

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NO CHANGE IN CLASS. released are from both officer and
 DECLASSIFIED conscript categories in all three
CLASS. CHANGED TO TS SC services. Total extent still unde-
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E. Evident willingness to calm Far East
for the moment.

III. Soviet price for German unity is still
break-up of Western alliance.

A. Since the Summit--and culminating in
Molotov's 8 November blast at Geneva--
Communist leaders have made it perfectly
clear they intend to stand pat on
Germany.

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V. First results of Soviet application of
Geneva spirit to Europe are evident:

A. Some faster erosion of NATO, both in
hard military strength and in sharp
questioning of very nature and future
of alliance.

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- B. Growing pressure by US allies to accept Communist China into family of nations.
- C. Determination to reduce strategic trade controls.

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